

and protection of urban watersheds in cooperation with not only federal and state officials, but also local groups, who are often in the best position to shape solutions to critical issues and needs facing urban rivers. The bill mandates that the Administrator of the EPA provide grants to local community groups and non-profit organizations to foster community involvement in the decision making process, environmental educational goals, and restoration strategies for urban watersheds. The Administrator must also provide opportunities for the education of school children and community groups on local environmental resources and on what individuals can do to reduce environmental risks.

The Anacostia River has been my top environmental priority since coming to Congress in 1991. In the 104th Congress, I worked through the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment to authorize \$12 million of construction projects to help clean up and restore wetlands along the Anacostia watershed. I am pleased that Congress has appropriated the full \$12 million for Anacostia projects since 1999. I am committed to whatever effort it takes to restore the river that runs through the neighborhoods and parks of the nation's capital. The bill that I introduce today marks a renewed effort, to use innovative approaches to advancing this top local environmental priority.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions and accomplishments of The Santa Cruz Community Credit Union. In celebrating their 25th anniversary, we not only celebrate their longevity in our community, but the important assistance they have provided to thousands of residents in Santa Cruz County.

The Santa Cruz Community Credit Union was founded in 1977 by a small group of activists concerned by the disparate levels of opportunity afforded individuals within the community. The Community Credit Union's mission to promote positive social and economic change has been the driving force behind their 25 year journey. And their mission has worked. Over the last 25 years, the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union has received the federal designation as a community development institution, received more than a million dollars to support their Individual Development Account Program, and the national Louise Herring Award for Philosophy in Action for their "Asset Development for Low-Income Members Program." The work of the dedicated staff of the Community Credit Union over the last 25 years has had a lasting impact in our community, helping those who need it the most.

The Santa Cruz Community Credit Union now serves more than 8200 members in the region. Their 25 years of service have proven beyond a doubt that a simple idea to help others help themselves by tying community development goals with traditional financial lending practices can have a positive impact on those seeking the American dream of eco-

nomie independence. The Santa Cruz Community Credit Union is an invaluable asset to our community, and I hope that they continue their good work for many years to come.

HONORING DONALD ELLIOTT FLANAGAN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and with my two colleagues from New Mexico, TOM UDALL and HEATHER WILSON, to honor and place on the record the outstanding achievement and accomplishments of a native son of Mayberry Village in East Hartford, Connecticut. It is with great pride that we introduce for posterity the achievements of Donald Elliott Flanagan.

The Head Coach of the Women's Basketball team at the University of New Mexico has excelled at his position. How fitting that he is being inducted into the legendary Ray McKenna's "Tap-Off Club" Hall of Fame.

While the Congressional Record embodies the nation's history and the achievements of great Americans, we want to be clear that we remember Donald Flanagan first as one of Jim and Barb's six children, or simply as "Donny". While many will point to Don's athletic achievement, hard work and dedication we would like to mention a few childhood experiences that helped mold him. I have long maintained that Mayberry Village is the cradle of coaches and to their credit we know that Jim and Barbara Flanagan gave birth to four of them: Jay, Donny, David, and Jon. (Sorry Kev, the C.Y.O. doesn't qualify).

Mayberry is unique. How many neighborhoods have produced coaches of international talent like Harry Parker (Harvard Crew & The Olympics)? Or nationally recognized coaches like Jay Flanagan (Track & Field) and Donny (Basketball), and statewide coaches like Al Pelligrinelli (Football), Bill Barron (Track), Dick Brimley (Track), Maureen Rodgers (Basketball), and Craig Jordan to name a few.

Fundamentals are important, and so is competition, but few neighborhoods offer the athletic amenities of Mayberry where Donny honed his competitive skills. He started early with mastering the monkey bars at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

The true competitor emerged when he beat out "Bubby" Balkus on the gymnastically challenging Tarzan Swing. Manning the fastest washing machine box ever to traverse the big hill, digging a series of tunnels that would rival the Vietcong, and defeating Lester Wells regularly at tunnel tag are further testimony of his skills. The daring dexterity with which he led the labor field regulars along the Hockanum narrowly escaping the pursuit of the Clancy brothers was a true cross country experience that kept the likes of Ray Ramsey and Bill Mudano from the long arm of the law.

Don Flanagan, arguably the greatest women's basketball coach at New Mexico, may not seem like a man afraid of much, but he is, of flying. The idea that Flanagan is still a white-knuckler when it comes to air travel is rather paradoxical, however considering the heights to which he has taken UNM women's basketball in his first five years as head coach of the program.

Flanagan is entering his seventh season at UNM and has a career record of 144-71. Flanagan took over this struggling program and the Lobos have improved remarkably under his guidance. They have captured a conference regular-season championship, a conference tournament title and have made five consecutive postseason appearances, including the school's first-ever NCAA bid in 1998.

In fact, Flanagan posted a won-loss record at Eldorado High School in Albuquerque that will never be duplicated in New Mexico. His incredibly 401-13 career record in 16 years was good for a winning percentage of 97.0 percent.

Flanagan's accomplishments included 14 different tournament championships, 15 district championships, winning streaks of 77, 74, 69, 66, and 60 games and, his teams averaged 25 wins a year for 16 years. During those 16 years, Flanagan's teams at Eldorado High School went undefeated nine times. In 1987, Eldorado was honored as Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame Team of the Year. Additionally under Flanagan, Eldorado was ranked nationally seven different years including 1980, 1981, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1991, and 1992.

And it didn't stop there. The honors for Flanagan have rolled in continuously year after year after year. Following the 1997-98 season, Flanagan was inducted into the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame for a lifetime of achievement. He was nominated for the National High School Coach of the Year honors on three occasions (1985, 1994, and 1995) and was named Region VRI Coach of the Year for 10 consecutive years (1985-1994). He was named Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year (1992), Bank of America Coach of the Year (1993 & 1994), Albuquerque Tribune Coach of the Year (1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1987, and 1990) and Albuquerque Journal Coach of the Year (1980, 1981, 1984, 1987, 1990, and 1992).

Flanagan earned his bachelor of arts from Fort Lewis College in 1971 where he was a member of the honor roll. He was also honored during college as a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic team. Flanagan, 56, and his wife Wahleah, have three children, Sean, 31, Shane, 25, and Brent, 23.

Donny was a natural who we always looked up to and admired. Athlete, leader, competitor, friend, a credit to his family, his community, his states of New Mexico and Connecticut and the nation. I know Jim's smiling from ear to ear and we in East Hartford join with all the Flanagans in relishing this great moment. How proud Pop Elliot, and your Mom would be to see you being honored by the town you grew up in and by a legend like Ray McKenna.

It is with great pride and admiration that I am joined by my colleagues TOM UDALL and HEATHER WILSON to pay tribute to another kid from the Village. Congratulations Donny.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COOPERATIVE CARE CENTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the